


MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT : DDI

Lionel Olmer's request regarding a review of the Militarily Critical Technologies List (MCTL) covers extremely complex problems which could tie down large amounts of analytic and external contract resources. The MCTL covers seventeen broad technological categories which the DOD assesses to be critical to US military capabilities and of significant value to potential adversaries.


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Response attached.


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Honorable Lionel H. Olmer
The Under Secretary for
International Trade
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C. 20230

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Dear Lionel:

We have received your request of 15 March concerning assessments of foreign availability of items on the Militarily Critical Technologies List (MCTL) and the impact of transfers of these technologies on the relative state of technology in COCOM countries. Given the length and complexity of the MCTL, this task could consume a very large amount of CIA's scarce analytical resources and may not be satisfied by CIA or even by the Intelligence Community as a whole. ☐

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In order to clarify and to better size the scope of your request, I will ask members of my Technology Transfer Assessment Center to meet with counterparts in your Office of Export Administration to consider how to best approach these tasks. Their deliberations should provide a more detailed treatment of the key elements required for the assessments, possible innovative approaches, and the resources needed to perform them. ☐

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I expect this review can be accomplished within a few weeks, after which I can assess the extent to which we can assist you in this important endeavor. ☐

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Sincerely,

/s/ WJC

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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